Effects of study on big houses on retail market

†1067. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any institute had been entrusted the job to collect information about the effects of big houses in the retail market of the country;

(b) if so, the name of the institute and time when this responsibility was entrusted to it;

(c) whether there is any association of representatives of non-unorganised retail market in this institute;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this institute has submitted its interim report to Government;

(f) if so, the details of this report and whether this report has been made public; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has instituted a study in March, 2007 to assess the impact of organised retailing on unorganised retail trade including small retailers and vendors, through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). A study on 'Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India and its Growth linkages' entrusted to the National Council on Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in July, 2007 also has a component on impact of FDI on service sector in the rural economy.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. List of elected members of the Board of Governors of ICRIER as available at its website (*www.icrier.org*) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Statement

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   Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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